

Year of report: 2021	
Name of Special Interest Group: Pharmacist Group	Date of initial approval of Special Interest Group: 2015
<p>Contact details of coordinator, vice coordinator and assistant (if applicable) including ECFS membership numbers:</p> <p>Coordinator name Nicola Shaw</p> <p>Coordinator name Siân Bentley</p> <p>Assistant name _____ n/a _____ Email address _____ ECFS Membership number _____</p>	
<p>Long term aims of the Special Interest Group (maximum 100 words) including estimated achievement date:</p> <p>The long term aims of the European Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy Group are to promote good practice in the supply of, and equitable access to, medicines and information about medicines to patients; set high standards of pharmacy practice; supporting patients to achieve greatest benefit from their medicines; to promote the role of pharmacists and affiliated professions in the pharmaceutical care of patients with CF; to deliver continuing professional education and development, and pharmacy practice research.</p>	
<p>Outcomes already achieved (maximum 100 words):</p> <p>Since its affiliation in 2015 the group has gone from strength to strength with many of its members contributing to the work and functions of the society. A notable achievement is the publication of the ECFS Standards of Care book 'Optimizing Pharmaceutical Care in Cystic Fibrosis' in June 2020. Siân Bentley and Nicola Shaw, co- chairs of the group were responsible for editorial functions, alongside Daniel Peckham and Carol Castellani. Numerous members of the group authored chapters of the book, including chapter 5 which highlights the role and expertise of the CF pharmacist as a valuable member of the CF MDT.</p>	
<p>Report for this year (max 1000 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short term aims and objectives for the year • current number of members • measures taken to encourage ECFS membership • outcomes/achievements (e.g. meetings, activities, website development, awards, publications etc). <p>Aims and Objectives for the year.</p> <p>Aims.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide an educational meeting and networking opportunities for its membership at the ECFS 44th annual conference in June 2021. 	

- To promote the role and expertise of the CF pharmacist in the care of the PwCF and as a valuable member of the CF MDT.

Objectives:

- to encourage its membership to participate in research activities.
- to encourage collaborative working within the group and wider CF community.
- to support members who are new to the role or those that wish to develop their skills further.

Membership

As of 31st April 2021, the European CF Pharmacy Group had 38 members. Whilst members are encouraged to join the ECFS, only 12 members included their ECFS membership number on registration forms. The remainder of applicants were emailed on receipt of their membership application form to recommend registration with ECFS, but were permitted to join the mailing list for the group. We will use the forthcoming conference meeting to again encourage membership and the benefits of being a member of the ECFS

Achievements

Covid-19 had a large impact on the activities of the group 2020/1, with many members being redeployed or taking on extended roles to help manage the pandemic. After a poll of the membership It was decided not to provide an educational meeting at the ECFS 43rd 'virtual' conference.

However an educational meeting was held later in the year on the 10th December 2020 for members. The session was entitled "Pharmaco-economic evaluation on orphan drugs for CF in Europe" and was presented by 2 students from KULeuven University.

A notable achievement was the publishing of the ECFS Standards of Care book: Optimising Pharmaceutical Care in Cystic Fibrosis in June 2020, which many members of the group contributed to. In addition Siân and Nicola are collaborating with Daniel Peckham and Carol Castellani on the development of app which will contain information regarding medication used in the management of CF.

Aims for the coming year (please state year) (max 50 words):

The aims for the coming year are to provide an educational meeting and networking opportunities for its membership at the ECFS 44th annual conference in June 2021 and to promote the role and expertise of the CF pharmacist in the care of the PwCF and as a valuable member of the CF MDT.

Summary (maximum 100 words):

The ECFPG has continued to establish its place in the European CF community. Its contribution to the ECFS Standards of Care book: Optimising Pharmaceutical Care in Cystic Fibrosis highlights the important role that the CF clinical pharmacist has to play in managing the challenges of medicines optimisation in adults and children with CF. It is hoped that this will encourage the establishment, or extend the role of the CF clinical pharmacist within the CF MDT in many countries. This will lead to an increase in membership for the group. In addition ECFPG members will be reminded that they need to retain membership of ECFS.

Breakdown of expenses (please include total amount received as well as expenditure and, if applicable, the outstanding balance (Euros)):

Nil.

Budget amount requested for next year (please give the amount in Euros and the year):